Recommendations of Second Labour Commission

† 305. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 90 per cent recommendations of the Second Labour Commission report are against interests of the workers;

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to reconsider these recommendations in the interest of workers keeping in view the protest by various trade unions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when a decision is likely to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The National Commission on Labour in its report has made recommendations covering various aspects of labour *viz.* review of laws, social security, women & child, skill development, labour administration, unorganized sector and other matters. These recommendations have been made keeping in view the need to offer protection and welfare to the working population and to increase the economic efficiency, productivity and competitiveness of industry. The Government has initiated the process of triparitie consultat/ons.The report was discussed as one of the agenda items in the 38th Session of Indian Labour Conference held on 28th-29th September 20b2. There is a continuing interaction with the social partners to bring about a workable consensus for implementation of the recommendations of the Commssions's report. However, given the procedure involved, it may be difficult to specify the time limit.

National Labour Relations Commission

306. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the second Labour Commission has recommended for a National Labour Relations Commission for adjudication and formation of a new All India Judicial Administrative Services;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is also a fact that Indian Labour Conference discussed the recommendations made by the Second Labour Commission on September, 28-29, 2002 to evolve a consensus; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) The Second National Labour Commission on Labour has recommended for setting up a National Labour Relations Commission to hear appeals against Central Labour Relations Commission and State Labour Relations Commissions. It has also recommended constitution of Indian Labour Judicial Service.

(b) and (c) No discussion specifically on the above recommendations of the 2nd National Labour Commission took place in the 38th Indian Labour Conference held on September 28-29,2002. The representatives of social partners expressed the view-Points which were divergent on many recommendations. There was, however, convergence of views on certain recommendations such as introduction of umbrealla legislation for workers in the unorganised sector and agricultural labour, cereation of a skill development fund for training and re-training of workers, encouragement of small scale industries, agri-business and rural sector for higher employment-generation, consolidation of social security legislations and establishment of a social security system; and bringing attitudinal change and change in the mindset and work culture on the part of the both worker and the employer.

Workers in Fish Processing Industries

307. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey about the number of workers in the fish processing industries in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, gender-wise; and

(c) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to improve the living and working conditions of these workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.